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In re New Patent Application of)
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 For: ELECTRIC APPLIANCE, SEMICONDUCTOR)
 DEVICE, AND METHOD FOR)
 MANUFACTURING THE SAME) Date: May 19, 2006

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. In accordance with the PTO notice dated July 11, 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting copies of each cited U.S. Patent, for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of U.S. Patents are enclosed. However, copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature are submitted under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

U.S. Patent No. 2002-0012868 A1 is in the same family as Japanese Patent No. 2001-297639 (not provided) and U.S. Patent No. 6,586,155 B2 and U.S. Patent No. 6,638,359 B2 and U.S. Patent No. 6,855,377 B2.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-188251 is in the same family as U.S. Patent No. 6,416,583 B1 and U.S. Patent No. 6,627,263 B2.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2000-298446 is in the same family as U.S. Patent No. 6,426,595 B1.

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Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2003-031922 is in the same family as U.S. Patent No. 6,833,224 B2 and U.S. Patent No. 2005-0008955 A1.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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